

# Open Data Plan

This plan supports agency efforts to openly share information with citizens, business partners, and community organizations. Open data is one of several data resources that WSDOT provides to the public and business partners. Open data sets and documentation that describes their content are provided for download from WSDOT's public website. This plan will guide WSDOT in managing and expanding these offerings. The topics for open data will be chosen in consultation with business areas, to include consideration of strategic initiatives and what is most often requested and needed by business partners and citizens. Open data will be provided in a consistent, standardized way so that individual citizens, public agencies, and community organizations can independently analyze and interpret transportation data.

Open data does not include sensitive and confidential data, as defined by the Washington State Chief Information Officer. ([OCIO Open Data Definitions—  
https://ocio.wa.gov/programs/open-data/guidance-open-data-definitions](https://ocio.wa.gov/programs/open-data/guidance-open-data-definitions))

WSDOT will develop procedures to guide business areas through the process of selecting, assembling, and publishing open data sets. These procedures will address the following activities:

- Risk analysis for a proposed publication.
- Technical analysis of the feasibility of publication.
- Plan for ongoing support of the open data offering (improving accuracy, periodic updates)
- Development of documentation (metadata) for users.
- Technical procedures to create the data sets and metadata, and to make them available.
- Monitoring usage and public response.

No later than October 2017, WSDOT will establish roles and responsibilities for staff who participate in these open data publication processes. WSDOT will identify an open data coordinator to maintain information on open data offerings, facilitate communication, and sustain consistent procedures for open data publishing. The Information Technology Division will lead the development of the open data plan, including a framework of relationships, usage indicators and practices to support open data publication.

WSDOT will maintain an inventory and catalog of its data resources, including open data, and will report at least annually to the Washington State Chief Information Officer on agency open data offerings.

The publication of open data serves the following WSDOT business goals:

- Supporting community engagement
- Providing data that is regularly reported to other organizations
- Contributing to transparency in government
- Providing data resources directly to promote innovation by the private sector

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